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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on May 2, 2007 and December 16, 2003, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated May 7, 2008, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-266979, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 8-163408 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. SHO 63-234937 A, together with an English language translation thereof;
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 8-107512 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;

- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-44425 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 9-275496 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;
- (6) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 9-251532 A;
- (7) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 5-7314 A, together with an English language Abstract; and
- (8) Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 11-298847 A, together with an English language Abstract.

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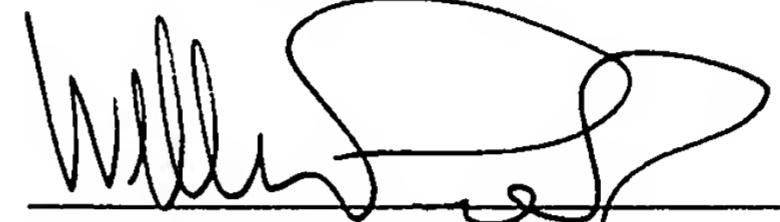
Applicant notes that the noted document (6) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on December 16, 2003. Thus, a copy of the document is not provided herewith.

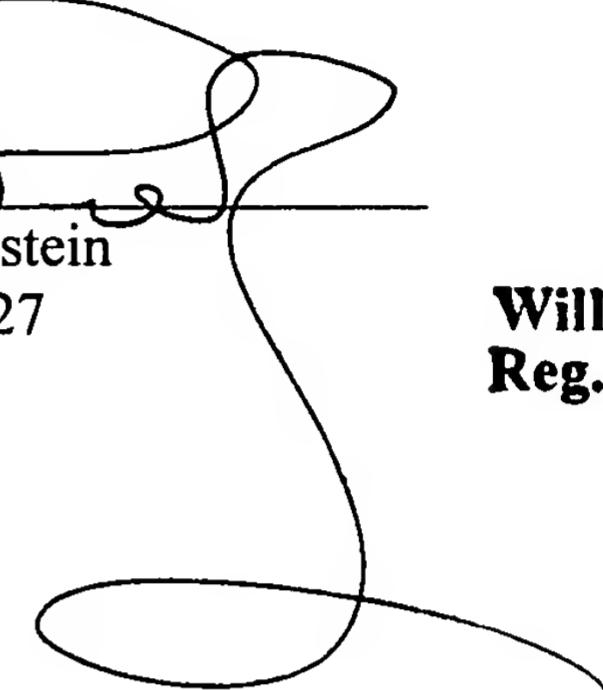
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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